Claim Amendments

1 - 17 (cancelled).

18(original). A process for preparing a compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$
 $(R^2)_n$ $(R^3)_n$ $(R^3$

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

each R^2 is independently hydrogen, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, SR^4 , OR^4 , SO_2R^4 , $OCOR^5$, or (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, cyano, $N(R^4)_2$, SR^4 , trifluoromethyl, OR^4 , (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, NR^4COR^5 , COR^5 , SO_2R^5 , $OCOR^5$, $NR^4SO_2R^5$ and NR^4CO_2 R^4 ;

 R^4 and R^5 , for each occurrence, are each independently selected from hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})$ aryl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heterocycloalkyl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heteroaryl or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ aryl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl; and wherein the aryl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by one to four groups consisting of halo, nitro, oxo, $((C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl)_2amino, pyrrolidine, piperidine, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_1)$ alkylthio and $(C_1\text{-}C_1)$ alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by one to four groups selected from hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkoxy;

or R^5 is $N(R^4)_2$ wherein R^4 is as defined above; R^6 is COR^7 or CO_2R^7 wherein R^7 is (C_1-C_8) alkyl; and Y is

$$Q^{1}$$
 Q^{0}
 Q^{1}
 Q^{3}
or

wherein:

Q¹ is oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur;

Q² is carbon or nitrogen;

 Q^3 is hydrogen, -(CH₂)_q-phenyl, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-NG¹G²,

 $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-OG^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3G^3$,

- $(CH_2)_q$ - SO_2 - $(C_1$ - $C_6)$ alkyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ - SO_2 NG 1 G 2 , or a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyridyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyrimidyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyraziqyl,

- $(CH_2)_q$ -isoxazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -oxazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -thiazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -(1,2,4-oxadiazolyl),

- $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl;

wherein one of the ring nitrogen atoms of said - $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl may optionally be substituted by (C_1-C_8) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

wherein each of said heterocycles may optionally be substituted on one or more of the ring carbon atoms by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of (C_1-C_8) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, nitro, cyano, $-(CH_2)_q-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO_3G^3$,

wherein the phenyl moiety of said - $(CH_2)_q$ -phenyl may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, hydroxy, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy optionally independently substituted with one

or more halo atoms, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, nitro, - $(CH_2)_q$ - NG^1G^2 , - $(CH_2)_q$ - CO_2G^3 , - $(CH_2)_q$ - $CO-NG^1G^2$, - $(CH_2)_q$ - OG^3 -OG

 $Q^4 \text{ is -(CH}_2)_q\text{-CO}_1G^3, -(CH}_2)_q\text{-SO}_3G^3, -(CH}_2)_q\text{-SO}_2G^3, -(CH}_2)_q\text{-SO}_2G^3, -(CH}_2)_q\text{-CHO}_1G^2, -(CH}_2)_q\text{-CHO}_1G^2, -(CH}_2)_q\text{-CHO}_1G^3,$

-(CH₂)_q-CONG¹G², or a heterocycle selected from -(CH₂)_q-thiazolyl,

- $(CH_2)_q$ -oxazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -1,2,4-oxadiazolyl,

-(CH₂)_q-isoxazolyl, -(CH₂)_q-tetrazolyl and -(CH₂)_q-pyrazolyl;

wherein one of the ring nitrogen atoms of said -(CH₂)_q-imidazolyl,

-(CH₂)_q-triazolyl and -(CH₂)_q-tetrazolyl may optionally be substituted by

(C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

wherein each of said heterocycles may optionally be substituted on one or more of the ring carbon atoms by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, halo, nitro, cyano, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO_3G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl, or $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2NG^1G^2$;

Q⁵ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

Q⁶ is a covalent bond, oxygen or sulfur:

Q⁷ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms:

 Q^8 and Q^9 are independently a covalent bond, oxygen, sulfur, NH or N-(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

 $Q^{10} \text{ is nitro, amino, } (C_2\text{-}C_9) \text{heteroaryl, } (C_2\text{-}C_9) \text{heterocycloalkyl, } (CH_2)_p OR^{11}, \\ (CH_2)_q CO_2 \text{H, } (CH_2)_q COR^{13}, \\ (CH_2)_q SO_2 NR^{11}R^{12}, \\ (CH_2)_q P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p CO_2 \text{H, } (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p COR^{13}, \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p - NR^{11}SO_2 R^{10}; \\ (CH_2)_q - O - ($

R⁸ and R⁹ are each independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl; and

wherein G^1 and G^2 for each occurrence are each independently hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo, (C_1-C_8) alkoxy (C_1-C_6) alkyl or (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, or G^1 and G^2 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 7 carbon atoms wherein one of said carbon atoms may optionally be replaced by oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur;

G³ for each occurrence is independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl; R¹⁰ for each occurrence is independently (C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

 R^{11} and R^{12} are taken separately and, for each occurrence, are independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or

 R^{11} and R^{12} are taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and form a pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine ring wherein said pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine may optionally be substituted at any carbon atom by (C_1-C_4) alkyl or (C_1-C_4) alkoxy;

 R^{13} for each occurrence is independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, $NR^{11}R^{12}$, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are as defined above;

 R^{14} and R^{15} are each independently hydrogen, halo, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, $SO_2R^{10},\,SO_2NR^{11}R^{12},\,NR^{11}R^{12},\,COR^{13},\,CO_2R^{11},\,$ (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, $NR^{11}SO_2R^{10},\,NR^{11}COR^{13},\,NR^{11}CO_2R^{11}$ or $OR^{11};$

p for each occurrence is independently an integer of 1 to 6; and q for each occurrence is independently 0 or an integer of 1 to 6; with the proviso that when Q^9 is O or S then n is not 0; with the proviso that when Q^1 is oxygen or sulfur then Q^3 is absent; and with the proviso that when Q^2 is nitrogen then Q^5 is absent;

comprising reacting a compound of the formula

wherein n, R², R⁶ and Y are as defined above; and R³ is tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl or a silyl protecting group; with tetra-n-butylammonium fluoride.

19(original). A process according to claim 18, wherein the compound of the formula

wherein n, R², R³, R⁶ and Y are as defined above, is formed by treating a compound of the formula

wherein R¹ is halo and wherein n, R², R³, R⁶ and Y are as defined above, with ammonium formate in the presence of palladium on carbon.

20(original). A process according to claim 19, wherein the compound of the formula

is formed by reacting the compound

$$(\mathbb{R}^2)_n$$
 \mathbb{I}
 \mathbb{R}^1
 \mathbb{I}
 \mathbb{I}
 \mathbb{I}

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or halo and wherein n, R², R³ and Y are as defined above with an organic acid anhydride, a dicarbonate or an organic acid chloride.

21(original). A process according to claim 20, wherein the dicarbonate is di-tert-butyl dicarbonate

22(original). A process according to claim 20, wherein the compound

is formed by reacting the compound

$$(R^2)_n$$
 R^3
 V

wherein n, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and X are as defined above, with an amine of the formula H_2NY , wherein Y is as defined above, in the presence of N_1N -diisopropylethylamine.

23(original). A process for preparing a compound of the formula

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

each R^2 is independently hydrogen, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, SR^4 , OR^4 , SO_2R^4 , $OCOR^5$, or (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, cyano, $N(R^4)_2$, SR^4 , trifluoromethyl, OR^4 , (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, NR^4COR^5 , COR^5 , SO_2R^5 , $OCOR^5$, $NR^4SO_2R^5$ and NR^4CO_2 R^4 :

 R^4 and R^5 , for each occurrence, are each independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl, (C_1-C_{10}) alkoxy, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, (C_2-C_9) heterocycloalkyl, (C_2-C_9) heteroaryl or (C_1-C_6) aryl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, carboxy, (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl- CO_2 , (C_1-C_{10}) alkylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_1-C_{10}) alkoxy, or (C_1-C_6) alkyl; and wherein the aryl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by one to four groups consisting of halo, nitro, oxo, $((C_1-C_6)$ alkyl)_2amino, pyrrolidine, piperidine, (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl, (C_1-C_{10}) alkoxy, (C_1-C_{10}) alkylthio and (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by one to four groups selected from hydroxy, halo, carboxy, (C_1-C_6) alkyl- CO_2 , (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl and (C_1-C_6) alkoxy; or R^5 is $N(R^4)_2$ wherein R^4 is as defined above; R^6 is COR^7 or CO_2R^7 wherein R^7 is (C_1-C_8) alkyl; and Y is

$$Q^{2}$$
 Q^{5}
 Q^{4}
 Q^{7}
 Q^{6}
 Q^{1}
 Q^{3}
or

wherein:

Q¹ is oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur;

Q² is carbon or nitrogen;

 Q^3 is hydrogen, -(CH₂)_q-phenyl, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-NG¹G²,

 $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-OG^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3G^3$,

- $(CH_2)_q$ - SO_2 - $(C_1$ - $C_6)$ alkyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ - SO_2 NG 1 G 2 , or a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyridyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyrimidyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyraziqyl,

- $(CH_2)_q$ -isoxazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -oxazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -thiazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -(1,2,4-oxadiazolyl),

-(CH₂)_q-imidazolyl, -(CH₂)_q-triazolyl and -(CH₂)_q-tetrazolyl;

wherein one of the ring nitrogen atoms of said - $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl may optionally be substituted by (C_1-C_8) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

wherein each of said heterocycles may optionally be substituted on one or more of the ring carbon atoms by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of (C_1-C_8) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, halo, nitro, cyano, $-(CH_2)_q-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-OG^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl and $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2NG^1G^2$;

wherein the phenyl moiety of said -(CH₂)_q-phenyl may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more

halo atoms, hydroxy, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, nitro, $-(CH_2)_q-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-OG^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2NG^1G^2$; $-(CH_2)_q-NG^3-SO_2-G^3$ and $-(CH_2)_q-NG^3-SO_2-NG^1G^2$;

 $Q^4 \text{ is -}(CH_2)_q\text{-}CN, -(CH_2)_q\text{CO}_2G^3, -(CH_2)_q\text{-}SO_3G^3, \\ -(CH_2)_q\text{-}SO_2\text{-}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl, -}(CH_2)_q\text{-}SO_2NG^1G^2, -(CH_2)_q\text{CH}_2OH, -(CH_2)_q\text{-}CHO, \\ -(CH_2)_q\text{-}CO\text{-}G^3, -(CH_2)_q\text{-}CONG^1G^2, \text{ or a heterocycle selected from } -(CH_2)_q\text{-thiazolyl, -}(CH_2)_q\text{-oxazolyl, -}(CH_2)_q\text{-imidazolyl, -}(CH_2)_q\text{-triazolyl, } -(CH_2)_q\text{-triazolyl, -}(CH_2)_q\text{-pyrazolyl; }$

wherein one of the ring nitrogen atoms of said - $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl may optionally be substituted by (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

wherein each of said heterocycles may optionally be substituted on one or more of the ring carbon atoms by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO-NG 1 G 2 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO₂G 3 , halo, nitro, cyano, $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO-NG 1 G 2 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -OG 3 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -SO $_2$ G 3 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -SO $_2$ -(C $_1$ -C $_6$)alkyl, or $-(CH_2)_q$ -SO $_2$ NG 1 G 2 ;

Q⁵ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

Q⁶ is a covalent bond, oxygen or sulfur;

 Q^7 is hydrogen or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

 Q^8 and Q^9 are independently a covalent bond, oxygen, sulfur, NH or N-(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

$$\begin{split} Q^{10} \text{ is nitro, amino, } (C_2\text{-}C_9) \text{heteroaryI, } (C_2\text{-}C_9) \text{heterocycloalkyI, } (CH_2)_p OR^{11}, \\ (CH_2)_q CO_2 \text{H, } (CH_2)_q COR^{13}, \ (CH_2)_q SO_2 NR^{11}R^{12}, \ (CH_2)_q \text{-NR}^{11}SO_2 R^{10}, \\ (CH_2)_q P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), \ (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p CO_2 \text{H, } (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p COR^{13}, \\ (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), \ (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p SO_2 NR^{11}R^{12}, \text{ or } \end{split}$$

 $(CH_2)_q$ -O- $(CH_2)_p$ -NR¹¹SO₂R¹⁰;

R⁸ and R⁹ are each independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl; and wherein G¹ and G² for each occurrence are each independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or G¹ and G² together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 7 carbon atoms wherein one of said carbon atoms may optionally be replaced by oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur;

 G^3 for each occurrence is independently hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) alkyl; R^{10} for each occurrence is independently (C_1-C_6) alkyl or (C_1-C_6) alkoxy (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}^{11}$ and $\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}^{12}$ are taken separately and, for each occurrence, are independently

hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or R¹¹ and R¹² are taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and form a pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine ring wherein said pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine may optionally be substituted at any carbon atom by (C₁-C₄)alkyl or (C₁-C₄)alkoxy;

 R^{13} for each occurrence is independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, $NR^{11}R^{12}$, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are as defined above;

 R^{14} and R^{15} are each independently hydrogen, halo, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, SO_2R^{10} , $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$, $NR^{11}R^{12}$, COR^{13} , CO_2R^{11} , (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, $NR^{11}SO_2R^{10}$, $NR^{11}COR^{13}$, $NR^{11}CO_2R^{11}$ or OR^{11} ;

p for each occurrence is independently an integer of 1 to 6; and q for each occurrence is independently 0 or an integer of 1 to 6; with the proviso that when Q^9 is O or S then n is not 0; with the proviso that when Q^1 is oxygen or sulfur then Q^3 is absent; and with the proviso that when Q^2 is nitrogen then Q^5 is absent;

comprising (a) reacting a compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$
 R^3
 V

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or halo, and n, R¹, R², R³ and X are as defined above, with an amine of the formula H₂NY, wherein Y is as defined above in the presence of N,N-diisopropylethylamine;

(b) reacting the compound of formula IV so formed

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or halo and wherein n, R², R³ and Y are as defined above with an organic acid anhydride, a dicarbonate or an organic acid chloride, to form a compound of the formula

$$(\mathbb{R}^2)_n \xrightarrow{\parallel} \mathbb{N}$$

(c) treating the compound of formula III, wherein R¹ is halo, so formed in step (b) with ammonium formate in the presence of palladium-on-carbon to form the compound of the formula

wherein n, R2, R3, R6 and Y are as defined above, and

(d) treating the compound of formula II so formed with tetra-n-butylammonium fluoride.

24(original). A process for preparing a compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$
 $(R^2)_n$
 $(R^3)_n$
 $(R^3)_n$
 $(R^3)_n$

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

each R^2 is independently hydrogen, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, SR^4 , OR^4 , SO_2R^4 , $OCOR^5$, or (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, cyano, $N(R^4)_2$, SR^4 , trifluoromethyl, OR^4 , (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, NR^4COR^5 , COR^5 , SO_2R^5 , $OCOR^5$, $NR^4SO_2R^5$ and NR^4CO_2 R^4 ;

 R^4 and R^5 , for each occurrence, are each independently selected from hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})$ aryl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heterocycloalkyl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heteroaryl or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ aryl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl; and wherein the aryl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by one to four groups consisting of halo, nitro, oxo, $((C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl)₂amino, pyrrolidine, piperidine, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy,

 (C_1-C_{10}) alkylthio and (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by one to four groups selected from hydroxy, halo, carboxy, (C_1-C_6) alkyl-CO₂, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl and (C_1-C_6) alkoxy; or R^5 is $N(R^4)_2$ wherein R^4 is as defined above; R^6 is COR^7 or CO_2R^7 wherein R^7 is (C_1-C_8) alkyl; and

Y is

$$Q^{2}$$
 Q^{5}
 Q^{4}
 Q^{7}
 Q^{8}
 Q^{1}
 Q^{3}
or

wherein:

Q¹ is oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur;

Q² is carbon or nitrogen;

 Q^3 is hydrogen, -(CH₂)_q-phenyl, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-NG¹G²,

 $-(CH_2)_q - CO_2G^3, \ -(CH_2)_q - CO - NG^1G^2, \ -(CH_2)_q - OG^3, \ -(CH_2)_q - SO_3G^3, \ -(CH_2)_q - SO_3G^$

- $(CH_2)_q$ - SO_2 - $(C_1$ - $C_6)$ alkyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ - SO_2 NG 1 G 2 , or a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyridyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyrimidyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyraziqyl,

- $(CH_2)_q$ -isoxazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -oxazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -thiazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -(1,2,4-oxadiazolyl),

- $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl;

wherein one of the ring nitrogen atoms of said -(CH₂)_q-imidazolyl,

- $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl may optionally be substituted by

(C₁-C₈)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms; wherein each of said heterocycles may optionally be substituted on one or

more of the ring carbon atoms by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of (C_1-C_8) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, nitro, cyano, $-(CH_2)_q-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-OG^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl and $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2NG^1G^2$;

wherein the phenyl moiety of said -(CH₂)_q-phenyl may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, nitro, - (CH₂)_q-NG¹G², -(CH₂)_q-CO₂G³, -(CH₂)_q-CO-NG¹G², -(CH₂)_q-OG³, -(CH₂)_q-SO₃G³, -(CH₂)_q-SO₂-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-SO₂NG¹G²; -(CH₂)_q-NG³-SO₂-G³ and -(CH₂)_q-NG³-SO₂-NG¹G²;

 $Q^4 \text{ is -(CH_2)_q-CN, -(CH_2)_qCO_2G}^3, -(CH_2)_q-SO_3G}^3, \\ -(CH_2)_q-SO_2-(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl, -(CH_2)_q-SO_2NG}^1G}^2, -(CH_2)_qCH_2OH, -(CH_2)_q-CHO, \\ -(CH_2)_q-CO-G}^3, -(CH_2)_q-CONG}^1G}^2, \text{ or a heterocycle selected from -(CH_2)_q-thiazolyl, -(CH_2)_q-oxazolyl, -(CH_2)_q-imidazolyl, -(CH_2)_q-triazolyl, -(CH_2)_q-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, -(CH_2)_q-isoxazolyl, -(CH_2)_q-tetrazolyl and -(CH_2)_q-pyrazolyl;}$

wherein one of the ring nitrogen atoms of said - $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl may optionally be substituted by (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

wherein each of said heterocycles may optionally be substituted on one or more of the ring carbon atoms by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO-NG 1 G 2 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO₂G 3 , halo, nitro, cyano, $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO-NG 1 G 2 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -OG 3 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -SO₂G 3 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -SO₂- $-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl, or $-(CH_2)_q$ -SO₂NG 1 G 2 ;

Q⁵ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

Q⁶ is a covalent bond, oxygen or sulfur;

Q⁷ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

Q⁸ and Q⁹ are independently a covalent bond, oxygen, sulfur, NH or N-(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

 $Q^{10} \text{ is nitro, amino, } (C_2\text{-}C_9) \text{heteroaryl, } (C_2\text{-}C_9) \text{heterocycloalkyl. } (CH_2)_p OR^{11}, \\ (CH_2)_q CO_2 H, (CH_2)_q COR^{13}, (CH_2)_q SO_2 NR^{11}R^{12}, (CH_2)_q \text{-NR}^{11}SO_2 R^{10}, \\ (CH_2)_q P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p CO_2 H, (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p COR^{13}, \\ (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p SO_2 NR^{11}R^{12}, \text{ or } \\ (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_p \text{-NR}^{11}SO_2 R^{10}; \\ (CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2)_q \text{-O-}(CH_2$

R⁸ and R⁹ are each independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl; and wherein G¹ and G² for each occurrence are each independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or G¹ and G² together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 7 carbon atoms wherein one of said carbon atoms may optionally be replaced by oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur;

 G^3 for each occurrence is independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl; R^{10} for each occurrence is independently (C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

 R^{11} and R^{12} are taken separately and, for each occurrence, are independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or

R¹¹ and R¹² are taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and form a pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine ring wherein said pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine may optionally be substituted at any carbon atom by (C₁-C₄)alkyl or (C₁-C₄)alkoxy;

 R^{13} for each occurrence is independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, $NR^{11}R^{12}$, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are as defined above;

R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ are each independently hydrogen, halo, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, SO₂R¹⁰, SO₂NR¹¹R¹², NR¹¹R¹², COR¹³, CO₂R¹¹.

(C₁-C₆)alkoxy, NR¹¹SO₂R¹⁰, NR¹¹COR¹³, NR¹¹CO₂R¹¹ or OR¹¹;

p for each occurrence is independently an integer of 1 to 6; and
q for each occurrence is independently 0 or an integer of 1 to 6;
with the proviso that when Q⁹ is O or S then n is not 0;
with the proviso that when Q¹ is oxygen or sulfur then Q³ is absent; and with the proviso that when Q² is nitrogen then Q⁵ is absent;
comprising reacting a compound of the formula

wherein R¹ is halo and wherein n, R², R³ and Y are as defined above, with ammonium formate in the presence of palladium-on-carbon.

25(original). A process according to claim 24, wherein the compound of the formula

is formed by reacting a compound of the formula

$$(\mathbb{R}^2)_n \xrightarrow{\text{II}}_{\mathbb{N}}$$

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or halo, and wherein n, R² and Y are as defined above, with an organic acid anhydride, a dicarbonate or an organic acid chloride.

26(original). A process according to claim 25, wherein the dicarbonate is di-tert-butyl dicarbonate.

27(original). A process according to claim 25, wherein the compound of the formula

is formed by reacting the compound

$$(R^2)_n$$
 R^1
 N
 N
 N
 N
 N
 N
 N

wherein n, R^1 , R^2 and X are as defined above, with an amine of the formula H_2NY , wherein Y is as defined above, in the presence of N,N-diisopropylethylamine.

28(original). A process for preparing a compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

each R^2 is independently hydrogen, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, SR^4 , OR^4 , SO_2R^4 , $OCOR^5$, or (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, cyano, $N(R^4)_2$, SR^4 , trifluoromethyl, OR^4 , (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, NR^4COR^5 , COR^5 , SO_2R^5 , $OCOR^5$, $NR^4SO_2R^5$ and NR^4CO_2 R^4 ;

 R^4 and R^5 , for each occurrence, are each independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl, (C_1-C_{10}) alkoxy, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, (C_2-C_9) heterocycloalkyl, (C_2-C_9) heteroaryl or (C_1-C_6) aryl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, carboxy, (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl- CO_2 , (C_1-C_{10}) alkylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_1-C_{10}) alkoxy, or (C_1-C_6) alkyl; and wherein the aryl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by one to four groups consisting of halo, nitro, oxo, $((C_1-C_6)$ alkyl)_2amino, pyrrolidine, piperidine, (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl, (C_1-C_{10}) alkoxy, (C_1-C_{10}) alkylthio and (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by one to four groups selected from hydroxy, halo, carboxy, (C_1-C_6) alkyl- CO_2 , (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl and (C_1-C_6) alkoxy; or R^5 is $N(R^4)_2$ wherein R^4 is as defined above; R^6 is COR^7 or CO_2R^7 wherein R^7 is (C_1-C_8) alkyl; and (C_1-C_8) alkyl; and

$$\mathcal{L}^{2} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}^{2} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}^{2}$$

$$\mathcal{Q}^{2} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}^{3}$$

$$\mathcal{Q}^{4} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}^{3}$$

or

wherein:

Q¹ is oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur;

Q² is carbon or nitrogen;

 Q^3 is hydrogen, -(CH₂)_q-phenyl, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-NG¹G²,

 $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-OG^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3G^3$,

- $(CH_2)_q$ - SO_2 - $(C_1$ - $C_6)$ alkyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ - SO_2 NG 1 G 2 , or a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyridyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyrimidyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -pyraziqyl,

-(CH₂)_q-isoxazolyl, -(CH₂)_q-oxazolyl, -(CH₂)_q-thiazolyl, -(CH₂)_q-(1,2,4-oxadiazolyl),

-(CH₂)_q-imidazolyl, -(CH₂)_q-triazolyl and -(CH₂)_q-tetrazolyl;

wherein one of the ring nitrogen atoms of said - $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl may optionally be substituted by (C_1-C_8) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms:

wherein each of said heterocycles may optionally be substituted on one or more of the ring carbon atoms by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of (C_1-C_8) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, nitro, cyano, $-(CH_2)_q-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO_2G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-CO-NG^1G^2$, $-(CH_2)_q-OG^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3G^3$, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl and $-(CH_2)_q-SO_2NG^1G^2$;

wherein the phenyl moiety of said -(CH₂)_q-phenyl may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, nitro, - (CH₂)_q-NG¹G², -(CH₂)_q-CO₂G³, -(CH₂)_q-CO-NG¹G², -(CH₂)_q-OG³, -(CH₂)_q-SO₃G³, -(CH₂)_q-SO₂-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-SO₂NG¹G²; -(CH₂)_q-NG³-SO₂-G³ and -(CH₂)_q-NG³-SO₂-NG¹G²;

 Q^4 is -(CH₂)₀-CN, -(CH₂)₀CO₂G³, -(CH₂)₀-SO₃G³,

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\hbox{-(CH$_2)$_q$-SO$_2$-(C$_1$-C$_6)alkyl, -(CH$_2)$_q$-SO$_2$NG$^1$G$^2, -(CH$_2)$_q$CH$_2$OH, -(CH$_2)$_q$-CHO, and all the second contents of the second cont
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-(CH₂)_q-CO-G³, -(CH₂)_q-CONG¹G², or a heterocycle selected from

- $(CH_2)_q$ -thiazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -oxazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl,

-(CH2)q-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, -(CH2)q-isoxazolyl, -(CH2)q-tetrazolyl and

-(CH₂)_q-pyrazolyl;

wherein one of the ring nitrogen atoms of said - $(CH_2)_q$ -imidazolyl, - $(CH_2)_q$ -triazolyl and - $(CH_2)_q$ -tetrazolyl may optionally be substituted by (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

wherein each of said heterocycles may optionally be substituted on one or more of the ring carbon atoms by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms, $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO-NG 1 G 2 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO₂G 3 , halo, nitro, cyano, $-(CH_2)_q$ -CO-NG 1 G 2 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -OG 3 , $-(CH_2)_q$ -SO₂- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, or $-(CH_2)_q$ -SO₂NG 1 G 2 ;

Q⁵ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

Q⁶ is a covalent bond, oxygen or sulfur;

Q⁷ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo atoms;

 Q^8 and Q^9 are independently a covalent bond, oxygen, sulfur, NH or N-(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

 $Q^{10} \text{ is nitro, amino, } (C_2\text{-}C_9) \text{heteroaryI, } (C_2\text{-}C_9) \text{heterocycloalkyI, } (CH_2)_p OR^{11}, \\ (CH_2)_q CO_2 H, \\ (CH_2)_q COR^{13}, \\ (CH_2)_q SO_2 NR^{11}R^{12}, \\ (CH_2)_q - NR^{11}SO_2 R^{10}, \\ (CH_2)_q P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p CO_2 H, \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p COR^{13}, \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9), \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_p - NR^{11}SO_2 R^{10}; \\ (CH_2)_q - O - (CH_2)_q -$

R⁸ and R⁹ are each independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl; and wherein G¹ and G² for each occurrence are each independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more halo, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or G¹ and G² together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring having

from 3 to 7 carbon atoms wherein one of said carbon atoms may optionally be replaced by oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur;

 G^3 for each occurrence is independently hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) alkyl; R^{10} for each occurrence is independently (C_1-C_6) alkyl or (C_1-C_6) alkoxy (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

 ${\sf R}^{\sf 11}$ and ${\sf R}^{\sf 12}$ are taken separately and, for each occurrence, are independently

hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or R¹¹ and R¹² are taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and form a pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine ring wherein said pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine may optionally be substituted at any carbon atom by (C₁-C₄)alkyl or (C₁-C₄)alkoxy;

 R^{13} for each occurrence is independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, $NR^{11}R^{12}$, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are as defined above;

 R^{14} and R^{15} are each independently hydrogen, halo, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, SO_2R^{10} , $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$, $NR^{11}R^{12}$, COR^{13} , CO_2R^{11} , (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, $NR^{11}SO_2R^{10}$, $NR^{11}COR^{13}$, $NR^{11}CO_2R^{11}$ or OR^{11} ;

p for each occurrence is independently an integer of 1 to 6; and q for each occurrence is independently 0 or an integer of 1 to 6; with the proviso that when Q^9 is O or S then n is not 0; with the proviso that when Q^1 is oxygen or sulfur then Q^3 is absent; and with the proviso that when Q^2 is nitrogen then Q^5 is absent;

comprising (a) reacting the compound of a formula

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or halo, and n, R¹, R², R³ and X are as defined above, with an amine of the formula H₂NY, wherein Y is as defined above, in the presence of N,N-diisopropylethylamine;

(b) reacting the compound of the formula VII so formed

$$(R^2)_n$$
 N Y

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or halo, and wherein n, R² and Y are as defined above with an organic acid anhydride, a dicarbonate or an organic acid chloride to form a compound of the formula

wherein n, R1, R2, R6 and Y are as defined above and

(c) reacting the compound of formula VI, wherein R¹ is halo, so formed with ammonium formate in the presence of palladium-on-carbon.

29(original). A process for preparing a compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$
 $\times X$

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R¹ is hydrogen or halo;

each R² is independently hydrogen, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, SR⁴, OR⁴, SO₂R⁴, OCOR⁵, or (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, cyano, N(R⁴)₂, SR⁴, trifluoromethyl, OR⁴, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, NR⁴COR⁵, COR⁵, SO₂R⁵, OCOR⁵, NR⁴SO₂R⁵ and NR⁴CO₂ R⁴;

 R^4 and R^5 , for each occurrence, are each independently selected from hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})$ aryl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heterocycloalkyl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heteroaryl or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ aryl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl; and wherein the aryl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by one to four groups consisting of halo, nitro, oxo, $((C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl) $_2$ amino, pyrrolidine, piperidine, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylthio and $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by one to four groups selected from hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkoxy; or R^5 is $N(R^4)_2$ wherein R^4 is as defined above; comprising reacting the compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$
 X X

wherein n, R^1 , R^2 and X are as defined above, with a non-nucleophilic base.

30(original). A process according to claim 29, wherein the non-nucleophilic base is sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, potassium tert-butoxide or 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene.

31-33 (cancelled).

34(original). A compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$
 R^1
 N
 OH
 O
 $S > O$
 $S > O$
 XV

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R¹ is hydrogen or halo;

each R^2 is independently hydrogen, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, SR^4 , OR^4 , SO_2R^4 , $OCOR^5$, or (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, cyano, $N(R^4)_2$, SR^4 , trifluoromethyl, OR^4 , (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, NR^4COR^5 , COR^5 , SO_2R^5 , $OCOR^5$, $NR^4SO_2R^5$ and NR^4CO_2 R^4 ;

 R^4 and R^5 , for each occurrence, are each independently selected from hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})$ aryl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heterocycloalkyl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heteroaryl or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ aryl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl; and wherein the aryl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by one to four groups consisting of halo, nitro, oxo, $((C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl)_2amino, pyrrolidine, piperidine, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylthio and $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by one to four groups selected from hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkoxy; or R^5 is $N(R^4)_2$ wherein R^4 is as defined above.

35(original). A compound according to claim 34, wherein the compound of formula XI is the R enantiomer

wherein R^1 is chloro and R^2 is hydrogen.

36(original). A compound according to claim 34, wherein the compound of formula XI is the R enantiomer

wherein R¹ and R² are hydrogen.

37(original). A compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$
 R^1
 N
 IX

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R¹ is hydrogen or halo;

each R^2 is independently hydrogen, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, SR^4 , OR^4 , SO_2R^4 , $OCOR^5$, or (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, cyano, $N(R^4)_2$, SR^4 , trifluoromethyl, OR^4 , (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, NR^4COR^5 , COR^5 , SO_2R^5 , $OCOR^5$, $NR^4SO_2R^5$ and NR^4CO_2 R^4 ;

R³ is tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl or a silyl protetcting group;

X is halo, methanesulfonyloxy, benzenesulfonyloxy, p-toluenesulfonyloxy, m-nitrobenzenesulfonyloxy or p-nitrobenzenexulfonyloxy;

 R^4 and R^5 , for each occurrence, are each independently selected from hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_6\text{-}C_{10})$ aryl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heterocycloalkyl, $(C_2\text{-}C_9)$ heteroaryl or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ aryl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, or $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl; and wherein the aryl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by one to four groups consisting of halo, nitro, oxo, $((C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl)_2 amino, pyrrolidine, piperidine, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkoxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylthio and $(C_1\text{-}C_{10})$ alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by one to four groups selected from hydroxy, halo, carboxy, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl- CO_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_8)$ cycloalkyl and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkoxy; or R^5 is $N(R^4)_2$ wherein R^4 is as defined above.

38(original). A compound according to claim 37, wherein the compound of formula IX is the R enantiomer

$$(R^2)_n$$
 R^3
 X
 IX

wherein R^1 is chloro; R^2 is hydrogen; R^3 is tert-butyldimethylsilyl; and X is ptoluenesulfonyloxy.

39(original). A compound according to claim 37, wherein the compound of formula IX is the R enantiomer

$$(R^2)_n$$
 R^3
 X
 IX

wherein R¹ and R² are hydrogen.

40(original). A compound of the formula

$$(R^2)_n$$

XVII

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

m is 1 or 2;

R¹ is hydrogen or halo;

each R^2 is independently hydrogen, nitro, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, SR^4 , OR^4 , SO_2R^4 , $OCOR^5$, or (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, cyano, $N(R^4)_2$, SR^4 , trifluoromethyl, OR^4 , (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, NR^4COR^5 , COR^5 , SO_2R^5 , $OCOR^5$, $NR^4SO_2R^5$ and NR^4CO_2 R^4 ;

 R^4 and R^5 , for each occurrence, are each independently selected from hydrogen, (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkoxy, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl,(C₆-C₁₀)aryl, (C₂-C₉)heterocycloalkyl, (C₂-C₉)heteroaryl or (C₁-C₆)aryl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, carboxy, (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl-CO₂, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylsulfonyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkoxy, or

(C₁-C₆)alkyl; and wherein the aryl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by one to four groups consisting of halo, nitro, oxo, ((C₁-C₆)alkyl)₂amino, pyrrolidine, piperidine, (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkoxy, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylthio and (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted by one to four groups selected from hydroxy, halo, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-CO₂, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₁-C₆)alkoxy; or R⁵ is N(R⁴)₂ wherein R⁴ is as defined above.

41(original). A compound according to claim 40, wherein m is 2, R¹ is chloro, and R² is hydrogen.

42(original). A compound according to claim 40, wherein m is 2 and R² and R³ are hydrogen.

43(original). A compound according to claim 40, wherein the compound of formula XVII is the R enantiomer

$$(\mathbb{R}^2)_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{N}$$
 XVII

wherein m is 2 and R¹ and R² are hydrogen.

44(original). A compound according to claim 40, wherein the compound of formula XVII is the R enantiomer

wherein m is 2, R¹ is chloro and R² are hydrogen.

45(original). A compound of the formula

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or chloro and BOC is tert-butoxycarbonyl.

46(original). A compound of the formula

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or chloro and BOC is tert-butoxycarbonyl.

47(original). A compound of the formula

wherein BOC is tert-butoxycarbonyl.

48(original). A compound of the formula

wherein R¹ is hydrogen or halo.